

Student News, Student Views

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Welcome Students

Student News, Students Views is now available on a regular basis! Carolyn Ramsey is working in the STB-EPO office and will provide this newsletter for all students. From May through August, it will be issued on a bi-weekly basis. The remaining issues will be issued on a monthly schedule. You will learn more about Carolyn in an article later in this newsletter.

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Our Office has also changed its name, although the acronym is still the same...STB-EPO. We are now the STB – Education and Postdoc Office. The reason for this change is the Postdoc Program is also under EPO.

Although you have not heard from us lately, I assure you, we have been busy trying to gear up for this summer which will surely be an exciting time of change and new history. We have been visiting high schools and colleges, conducting the annual student transcript and salary review process, and we are planning for a summer that will be full of opportunities for meaningful research and fun!

We are also aware that the pending transition has a unique meaning for students. We will need your help to identify questions to help get you the information you need. Please know that both Directors Bob Kuckuck and Mike Anastasio are very supportive of students and the critical role of our internship programs in meeting the laboratory's current and future work-force needs.

We are busy, but remain only a phone call, e-mail, or visit away. Please stay in touch!

Carole

The Student Transition to LANS

Students are important to the Lab. Directors Kuckuck and Anastasio want to ensure a smooth transition for all students. Student packages are being mailed today, Friday March 31. There are three different packages being mailed.

Package 1. Offer Package for Students **without** assets in the UC Retirement Plan

Package 2. Offer Package for Student **in** the UC Retirement Plan **and** vested

Package 3. Offer Package for Student **in** the UC Retirement Plan **not** vested

All packets will include:

Separation Letter from Director Kuckuck

Welcome Letter from Michael Anastasio

LANS Student Letter

LANS Acceptance Form

LANS Employment Form

IRS Tax W-4 Form

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**The Student Transition to LANS** (continued from page 1)

Other forms will be included based on if you have benefits in UC Retirement, are vested, or are not vested. There are several numbers available for you to contact. After you have received your package and if you believe there is an error or information has changed recently about being vested in UC, please call LANL Benefits Office at: 505-667-1806, 877-667-1806 or

benefits@lanl.gov. LANS will not be able to help with this specific issue.

You will be required to return your signed documents by May 15, 2006.

*****URGENT*** TIME SENSATIVE MATERIAL REGARDING VACATION BALANCES!!!**

As part of the ongoing transition and close out process, students, as well as other Laboratory employees, have the option to cash out vacation balances before transitioning to LANS, LLC. The all employee memo and the Vacation Cash-Out Election Form can be found at the following URL: http://int.lanl.gov/memos/2006/03/LANL_EMP129.PDF The cash out form must be completed and returned to the payroll office by **April 14, 2006**.

Mapping Students to Mentors

Part of the transition process will incorporate mapping students to mentors. Basically, you will follow your mentor. Keep in mind that some groups are staying intact, others are moving, yet others are dissolving. This, along with budgetary issues and the possible retirement of mentors, makes it important that you talk to your mentor to ensure that you are not left behind. Please be sure of the following:

You have submitted an official copy of your transcript to STB-EPO

You have a current workplan on file (less than one year old)

You have confirmed with your mentor that you will be continuing as an intern

Your division student liaison, group administrator, or HR deployed generalist has a listing of students which includes your mentor and supervisor's name and other contact information.

This will help to ensure that you will be correctly mapped.

If your group/mentor can no longer continue your internship appointment, please be sure you have a current resume on line at: <http://www.lanl.gov/education/jumpstart/>. Indicate if you have a clearance on your resume as well. You can also contact the EPO office for possible assistance. You can reach us at crutten@lanl.gov or bmontoya@lanl.gov.

Annual Transcript and Salary Review Now Underway

The annual transcript and salary review process is underway. Students were required to submit **official transcripts** to Brenda Montoya, Education and Postdoc Office, MS M709 by February 17th, 2006. Students should verify that their transcripts have been received by contacting Brenda at bmontoya@lanl.gov. Students that have not submitted transcripts may be impacted in several ways: the effective date of raises; delays in the student's appointment being extended; and eligibility to participate in the 9/80 schedule.

High School Co-ops, Post Baccalaureate and Post Master's (one-year appointment between receiving MS degree and entering a doctoral program) students are not required to submit transcripts.

Those students who have not submitted their official transcripts should have their University send an official transcript as soon as possible to:

Brenda L. Montoya

Los Alamos National Laboratory

Mail Stop M709

P.O. Box 1663

A Letter From the Students' Association Chair

Hi everyone:

Please check out the new and improved website- <http://sa.lanl.gov/index.php>, designed by our webmaster liaison, Diana Jackson of ISR-3. She has been pulling long hours to redesign the website and we can't thank her enough. With a little help from Diana (we don't want her to go away; she has done such a great job!), Calvin Spellmon, the Students' Association webmaster, will be managing it. Some of the new improvements are:

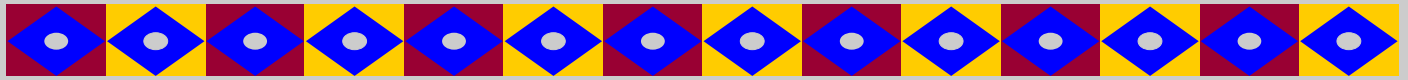
1. The housing page has changed - you can now enter your listing without waiting for us to update it <http://sa.lanl.gov/housing.php>. You can browse the listings without a user name/pw, but if you would like to enter one you have to login. This way you can manage your listing yourself - if you rent out your room or house, or if you are looking for a roommate this summer you can login and post your listing and when you find a renter you can delete your listing yourself. Also, you can sort the listings rental type, price, city, etc. The listings will expire after 6 weeks (with the option of renewing the listing as well), so the listings are up-to-date and current. If you or someone you know has a room to rent for LANL students this summer, we ask that you post it on the SA website. As always, the housing for students will be difficult to find this summer and we would like to give them as many options as possible.
2. The calendar has been reformatted and is fairly up to date (or will be very, very soon) <http://sa.lanl.gov/calendar.php>. If you have an event that you would like to see on there that all students can attend (sports, exercise, social gatherings, whatever), please send your event to saexec@lanl.gov and we'll get it on there. The Los Alamos county is planning a lot of events this summer (drop-in dodge ball, kickball tournaments, mud volleyball, etc..) and we will be working with them to get the word out to the students.
3. Don't forget about the Student Forum in which you can post ideas, look for people with common interests, chat, whatever...
4. We really want to make the SA website a resource for new students coming in - we have posted all of the new and returning student info that you might need, the exit procedures and some links. This area will probably expand, please let us know what you think would be useful here for new students at Laboratory.
5. Last but not least, the new logo has been picked. The winning logo by Kevin Gonzales of NMT-3 is attached. We had a lot of great submissions and a great voting response (115 people voted, people actually read my emails, I'm impressed!). This logo is on all of the pages on the website, and you'll be seeing it on SA-related banners, swag etc.

If you have any comments about the website please write to us (saexec@lanl.gov)-- we would love feedback,

Thanks,

Kim
Chair, Students' Association





New Students' Association Logo



thank you
thank you
kevin



We put out the call for a new logo for the new Students' Association website in February and we had six submissions to choose from. The students voted in the last week of February and chose a logo designed by Kevin Gonzales of NMT-3. He has an Associates Degree in Digital Media Arts from the University of New Mexico and is now working on a Bachelors Degree in Interactive Media Design from the Art Institute. He works with the New Media Team with Jeff Segler as his Team Leader and David Van Etten is his mentor.

Students' Association Announces the Summer 2006 Housing Connection

The Laboratory's Students' Association is trying to find additional student housing from May-September through an initiative that allows individuals from surrounding communities to post a room, house or apartment rental on the association's Web site.

The Web site also allows students to check for roommates while offering a wealth of resources such as a calendar of events, meetings and activities postings, student newsletter and other useful links. There is no cost to post a housing listing on the site. To post a listing, go to <http://sa.lanl.gov/housing.php> and create a user name and password. Your posting will be listed for 6 weeks (with the possibility to renew), and with your account you can manage your listing as you see fit.

For more information about the Students' Association housing initiative, see the Web site at <http://sa.lanl.gov/> online or contact Calvin Spellmon Jr. of the Students' Association at 5-9795 or write to calvin@lanl.gov by electronic mail. Always remember the Students' Association is "For Students, By Students," so we are here to help in any way we can.

Los Alamos National Laboratory Students' Association (SA) Presents:

Housing Connection

- If you have an apartment, or room for rent, and you are interested in renting to a LANL summer student (May-September), please go to <http://sa.lanl.gov/housing.php> and post your request or rental listing. If you have any additional questions you can contact Calvin Spellmon Jr. at calvin@lanl.gov.



STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION AND UNM-LA PARTNER TO OFFER MOVIE NIGHT!



Thanks to everyone who came out to Movie Night, hosted by SA in conjunction with UNM-LA's Student Government. About 25 people congregated in front of the big screen TV on the UNM-LA campus to eat pizza and watch *The 40-Year-Old Virgin*. This event will happen again, so stay tuned to see when the next Movie Night takes place. And as always, if there is a movie you would like to share with the student population through this format, please let me know! rhicks@lanl.gov



About the Student Program Administrator It's good to be here at the laboratory! I am really excited about all aspects of my job — and look forward to working with the Students' Association and meeting new people. I have lived in Los Alamos for 27 years. Some of those years were spent raising two boys, working at the Los Alamos Public Schools in the Central Media Center, working in Santa Fe for a couple of years, and most recently, going back to school at Northern New Mexico College and getting an Associate of Applied Science in Visual Communication. Previous to moving to Los Alamos, I received a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from the University of Denver.

Our office will be responsible for putting out this newsletter on a monthly basis, and twice per month during the summer. Please remember, **this is your newsletter** — so please let me know if you want to see certain things included that I might miss. Archives of this newsletter can be found at <http://int.lanl.gov/education> and the Students' Association website at <http://sa.lanl.gov/index.php>.

Carolyn Ramsey

SAFETY FIRST

The Laboratory values it people, the environment, and national security. For this reason, the employee's safety or security will not be compromised for programmatic or operational needs. ISM and ISSM are the systems for managing safety and security at the Laboratory. They provide an approach to integrating safety and security with work activities, providing requirements and guidelines to help people work safely and securely and to reinforce the necessary values, attitudes, and behaviors. Keep in mind that ISM and ISSM are effective **ONLY** with the full participation of all workers.

One of the ways you can help the Laboratory obtain their safety and security goals is to always keep in mind the five steps involved in performing your work safely and securely.

1. Define the work.
2. Analyze hazards and risks.
3. Develop controls.
4. Perform the work.
5. Ensure performance.



Laboratory-wide safety and security requirements are found in institutional policies and procedures, which include IPs (institutional policies), ISDs (implementation support documents), and DIs (director's instructions). **Facility-specific** requirements for different technical areas and/or buildings are established in facility safety plans, facility security plans, and facility-tenant agreements. These documents can be obtained from your management or facility management organizations. **Activity-specific** requirements are established in work-related documents such as integrated work documents (IWDs), facility work control packages, and activity security plans.

Call the Safety Help Desk at 665-7233, or email safe@lanl.gov. You can reach the Security Help Desk at 665-2002, or write to MailStop K560, or email security@lanl.gov.

Community Corner



Hiking Trails in the Los Alamos Area

The following information is taken from a document available at the Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce ("50 Hikes in the Los Alamos Area"). The document gives the location, description, and rating of each trail. Remember to always tell someone where you are going, and be prepared for changes in the weather (wear layers). Be sure to take water and high energy snacks/lunch, and a first aid kit. Maps are available from the Chamber of Commerce, Otowi Station, and the Forest Service, just to mention a few. More info can be found at <http://www.losalamos.com/hiking/>.

Deer Trap Mesa Natural Park: morning hike—2 miles RT: Start at the end of Barranca Road. Cross the narrow neck of Deer Trap mesa; this requires a bit of scrambling down Indian steps. That rectangular hole carved into the tuff is the deer trap. Continue east (away from the road) and scramble up on to the level mesa top. Follow the trail straight out to the point for a wonderful view of the Jemez Mountains and the Rio Grande Valley. (Rating: moderate)

Pueblo Bridge Loop: morning hike—2 miles RT: Start from the intersection of Orange and Olive Streets, walk down Olive Street into Pueblo Canyon. Turn left onto a dirt road just before reaching the old sewage plant. Go around to the backside of the plant and cross Pueblo Bridge. Turn left and walk up canyon to Hoestead Bridge. The trail gets a little rough crossing some side canyons. Cross Hoestead Bridge and bear left back to the sewage plant. Practically a wilderness in the center of town! (Rating: moderate)



Coming Soon to Central Avenue Grill

(A Benefit for the Los Alamos County Summer Concert Series)

April 7, 2006 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$8 per person

Roger Landes & Chipper Thompson — Bouzouki & Guitar Concert

Middle Eastern and Celtic Cultures Meet the Mississippi Blues

NEW MEXICO TRIVIA

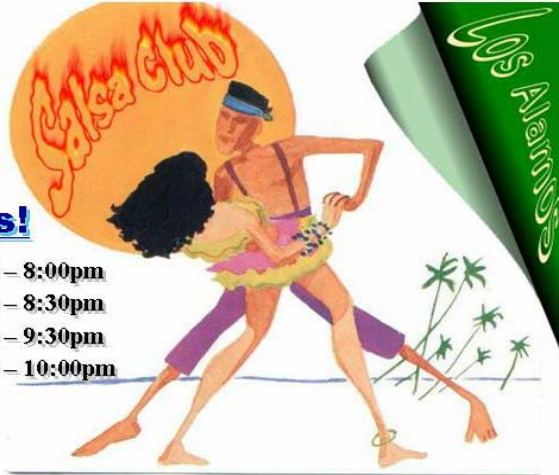
How much do you know about New Mexico? Try your luck on questions from all over the state! Answers on next page!

1. Which New Mexicans successfully used their native language to confuse Japanese code breakers during WWII?
2. What is the name of New Mexico's oldest sanctioned bicycle race?
3. What hotel has a ghost named Rebecca and a mahogany bar once used by Al Capone, and has had Pancho Villa and Judy Garland as guests?
4. At an elevation of 13,110 feet, Truchas Peak is part of what mountain group?
5. What are the three main types of trees used for commercial timber in New Mexico?
6. What is the oldest existing public building in the United States?

Salsa Classes

!Free Lessons!

Salsa I:	7:00 – 8:00pm
Practica:	8:00 – 8:30pm
Salsa II:	8:30 – 9:30pm
Practica:	9:30 – 10:00pm



Join us & learn to Salsa

Salsa 1 — An ideal class for first time and novice salsa dancers. This class will cover the fundamentals of footwork, salsa timing, and how to dance with a partner.

Salsa 2 — A class for the dancer who is comfortable with the salsa basics and is now ready to add some styling to their dance repertoire. This class assumes that one is comfortable with the material covered in Salsa 1. In particular: how to lead and follow, dance to the beat, perform at least one turn and understand how to do multiple turns, and cross-body-lead.

Classes are scheduled for Wednesday nights at the Los Alamos Community Center. For more information, contact Darrin ddawgncc@comcast.net (661-8599), or Maria at maria_i_p@yahoo.com (663-1047)

Your ticket to the movies!

The following movies will be showing at the Reel Deal Theatre the week of March 31 thru April 6. After this date, more current information can be found at www.reeldealtheater.com.

V for Vendetta	R
Inside Man	R
IceAge2	PG
Failure to Launch	PG13
Eight Below	PG
Hills Have Eyes	R



Answers to Trivia Questions

1. Navajo Indians
2. Tour de Los Alamos
3. The Lodge at Cloudcroft
4. Sangre de Cristo Mountains
5. Spruce, Douglas Fir, and Ponderosa Pine
6. The Palace of the Governors in Santa Fe